

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2004**

Mayor Harrity called the meeting to order at 3:00 p. m.

Members present: Mayor Harrity, Councilman Brown, Councilman Jennings and Councilmember Workman. Vice Mayor Walsh was excused.

Mayor Harrity gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Zimomra gave a brief overview of the potential danger of Hurricane Frances. She gave the following:

- Hurricane Frances eye 25 miles across
- Hurricane Frances width 200 miles across

Ms. Zimomra recommended that City Council reconvene at 10:00 a. m. Friday, September 03, 2004 for further updates.

Recommendation and update from Chief of Police regarding current forecast for Hurricane Frances.

Chief Tomlinson gave the following recommendations:

- Storm track NWN track and dangerously close to Sanibel
- Extending the local state of emergency for an additional week
- Noon Friday, September 03 prohibit sell and consumption of alcohol
- Begin a curfew Saturday, September 04 at 9:00 p.m.
- Begin a voluntary evacuation this afternoon with Special needs

Ms. Zimomra announced that Lee County schools would be closed Friday, September 03 and the City would be taking fuel precautions. She further stated that the magnitude of Hurricane Frances with possibility wind speed and rain residents should think about their hurricane plan. Another concern, Ms. Zimomra stated was the amount of debris that was currently on the roadside and the continuation of falling Australian Pines, as well as new utility poles just installed may be more susceptible to falling.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- State of Emergency through 091004
- Noon, Friday no purchase or consumption of alcohol
- Voluntary evacuation as of 3:00 p.n. Thursday, September 02, 2004
- Saturday, September 04 institute a curfew (the night following the event) from 9:00 p. m. until 6:00 a. m.

Discussion ensued regarding no place to evacuate due to hotel rooms being filled, City Council meeting Friday, September 03, 2004, what shelters are open, possibility of Hurricane coming closer to Sanibel and recommendation of no shelters of shelters of last resort.

RESOLUTION 04-098 A PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE CITY OF SANIBEL FOR AN ADDITIONAL WEEK TO AND INCLUDING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2004; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 04-098.

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Workman to adopt Resolution 04-098.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council recessed at 3:32 p. m.

Council reconvened at 3:36 p. m.

A PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION 04-099 RELATING TO THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED AND EXTENDED BY THE CITY OF SANIBEL AS A RESULT OF THE THREAT OF HURRICANE FRANCES; PROVIDING FOR VOLUNTARY EVACUATION; COMMENCING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2004, PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL NIGHTTIME CURFEW BETWEEN 9:00 P.M. AND 6:00 A.M. DURING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION ON SALE, POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, EXCEPT ON ONE'S OWN PREMISES COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2004; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR AREA EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 04-099.

Councilmember Workman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolution 04-099.

Public Comment:

Brian Meese spoke to using Sanibel School as a shelter of last resort.

Katrina Salazar spoke to resorts to East Coast residents due to Hurricane Frances.

Discussion ensued regarding east coast visitors and not encouraging guests or residents to come to the island during Hurricane Frances, no refuges on Sanibel, the concern that residents would not leave the island, recommend evacuating to hurricane shelters as they open , possibility of using the reverse 911 regarding opening shelters, scrolling Sanibel announcements by cable TV, review medications and other necessities needed for long term.

Gloria Hannan commended Council. She asked about shelters for animals.

Dan Cone asked about bridge staying open and closed.

Chief Tomlinson sited that the County controls the bridge. Chief Tomlinson stated there were no places on Sanibel called refuges of last resort.

Jane Roshberg asked if any consideration of Sanibel School as a shelter.

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted by,

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